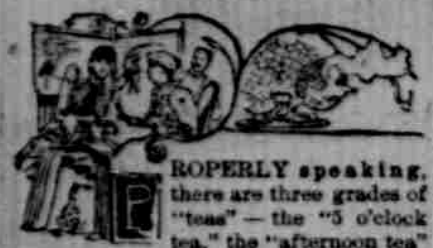


## HIGH TEA AT EVEN

It is Distinguished From Kettledrums and Other Teas.

## EVOLUTION OF A CUSTOM

How to Give a Tea in Town or Country.  
A Promoter of Hospitality—English and American Ways.

PROPERLY speaking, there are three grades of "teas"—the "5 o'clock tea," the "afternoon tea" and the "kettledrum." Originally the 5 o'clock tea in England was the light breaking of the fast between the 3 o'clock luncheon and the 8 o'clock dinner. Society people drove in the row or paid visits in the early afternoon, and on returning felt the need of a bit of nourishment before beginning the serious dinner toilet.

In country houses the pretext of tea and biscuits—a generic term for crackers in England—similarly assembled the household for a half hour's cozy chat before the open fire, the ladies in loose gowns and the men in shooting jackets. In town it was the hour when the chaperone was sure to be at home and the intimates of the family "dropped in."

Gradually its function became enlarged. The "5 o'clock" was dropped, and a "tea" became a certain day "at home" from 3 to 5 or 4 to 6, as the hostess approved, at which tea and chocolate and varied biscuits were served.

Finally by the addition of cream and sorbets the "kettledrum," or "dram," as it is usually called, was evolved. One more form of the same general style of entertainment is the "high tea." This corresponds to an ordinary village tea party. Guests enough to sit around the table are invited, the table is spread, and hot bread, mullins or waffles, broiled chicken, croquettes or other warm dishes served with fruits and small cakes. The hostess pours tea and chocolate at one end of the table.

From the cities the "afternoon tea" has crept through the country. In town and village alike it is valued as an easy promoter of hospitality, and its still wider adoption is a thing to be urged.

To give a "tea" a woman takes her engraved card and writes beneath her name thus:

Mrs. JOHN BROWN,  
At Home  
Tuesday, December eighth.  
Tea at three o'clock.

Or in lieu of the latter sentence may be written the words, "From 3 to 5 o'clock." This card inclosed in an envelope may be sent by post or delivered by messenger, as suits one's convenience. In large communities where social engagements are apt to be numerous and conflicting a hostess may issue these cards a fortnight in advance of the date. Three or four days, or a week at most, is ample notice for smaller places.

On the designated day the parlor floor of the house is put in order, and bowls and vases of flowers are placed about. In an inner room adjoining, or near that into which the guests first enter, a small table is spread with a dainty tea cloth and set out with the tea and chocolate service, or, if preferred, simply a tea service, which should include a kettle swung over a spirit lamp.

Pretty plates or small trays spread with a fringed napkin and piled with wafers, crackers or any of the crisp, toothsome tea cakes are added just before the "tea" begins. At this table an intimate friend is asked to sit and dispense tea.

In a village where the guests cannot be very numerous a single tea service will suffice. At large "teas" hostesses place extra sugar bowls and cream pitchers on small tables through the rooms. A maid is then needed to hand the cups of tea around. Usually the beverage is served in the English fashion, with cream. Often, however, Russian tea, clear, with a slice of lemon in each cup, is offered. In either case lump sugar is indispensable.

The hostess, with her daughters, if she have any, or any friends who may be assisting, stands just inside the parlor door to receive her friends. The guests are gloved and bonneted, but in cold weather a room should be ready where heavy wraps may be laid aside. All visitors drop their cards in a tray or basket provided for the purpose in the hall. It is not necessary to send regrets if you are not able to accept a "tea" invitation. A call afterward is, however, expected.

If you have among your list a friend who plays well or recites or sings, it is a pleasant diversion to beg her contribution to your "afternoon." At formal city affairs half an hour's stay is all that society women, with perhaps the necessity to show at half a dozen in an afternoon, can give. It is, however, a compliment to one's hostess to spend nearly the time designated on the cards.

"Color" teas—pink, yellow, heliotrope and other tints—are easily managed with the introduction of color effects in the decoration.

MARGARET H. WELCH.

## PARIS FASHIONS.

Furs Are Used for Trimming All Kinds of Garments.

Strange looking jumbles of material are put together and called mantles now, and we must wear them, yet now and then there will be a gleam of sense which enables the wearers of womanly garments to retain their reason. In the Bois and on the Champs Elysees, as well as in carriages, one sees creations that are positively hideous, and yet they are in vogue among those most daring.

A young American recently married to a French duke wore a curious mantle of biscuit colored felt cloth bordered with a narrow curled band of black ostrich feathers, called, for politeness, marabout. The mantle was plaited on a square yoke and hung free to the knees. An enormous pelerine bertha of deep red velvet, with gold flowers embroidered along the edge, stuck out in ugly angles over the shoulders. Big bishop sleeves, with falling red velvet cuffs, finished it off, and, strange to say, there are many wraps all too nearly like this. Some are in changeable velvets, some in plush, some of maitreisse wool and others in benjamine cord. All have

far about them somewhere.

Fur runs riot on all kinds of garments for outdoors and in, for young and old. Sealskin sable and ermine are the most costly this winter. Mink comes next, and military and camail capes are made of it. Capes have distinct Watteau plaits of fur, which is very splendid in effect. Sealskin paletots which reach the feet and try to climb up over the head are very chic. The collars are cut out in turret points, which make a becoming frame to set a pretty face in. The shape of paletots is distinctively for the youthful. A handsome and very



CLOAKS FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Frenchy smart cloak for a young lady is made of fine military cloth, and consists of an undercoat without sleeves and a camail cape lined with red cloth and bound with military braid, the whole tailor finished.

For sortie du bal, theater, etc., long capes gathered under a yoke, fur bordered, are the style. But as they say at Monte Carlo, everything goes, from box coats to magnificent ermine lined mantles, with gold and jeweled clasps. Astrakhan and Persian lamb camails and long mantles with short backs are very much in vogue.

## She Has the Largest Wardrobe.

Mrs. William Laytin, who has for the past five years lived with her husband at the Murray Hill hotel, New York city, enjoys the distinction of having the largest wardrobe of any woman in the world.

Not only has Mrs. Laytin a great number of dresses, but she has also jewelry, hats, parasols and other appointments of the toilet in most remarkable and reckless profusion. All are of the most costly, and the sum total spent yearly in keeping this immense wardrobe in proper condition would surprise the women who are obliged to confine themselves to half a dozen gowns yearly and a hat or two per season.



MRS. WILLIAM LAYTIN.

Mrs. Laytin herself is a pretty little woman of blond type, with reddish gold hair and a pink and white complexion. Strange to say, she is not particularly fond of dress, and often declares that she buys her immense wardrobe more to please her husband than for her own gratification.

Last summer, on her travels to the different fashionable resorts, Mrs. Laytin took with her fifty-seven pieces of baggage. There were fourteen large saratogas, as many more skirt trunks, a dozen hat boxes and many shawl straps.

"How many gowns have I?" said Mrs. Laytin in answer to a questioning reporter. "Really I do not know. I bought forty new ones this summer. Besides the gowns I have ten pairs of diamond bracelets, four diamond necklaces, many moth solitaires for earrings and more rings than I can count."

Mrs. Laytin is one of the few very dressy women whose purse strings are always loosened at the call of charity. Last summer alone she gave away more than a thousand dollars in small sums to various charitable affairs.

## Gallagher.

A woman in a rich brogue and a poor gown, with four children hanging to her skirts, stood before his honor charged with drinking too much.

"Your name?" inquired his honor gently.

"Gallagher, sir," she replied. His honor nodded to the bailiff. "Let her go," he said briefly, and called the next case.—Detroit Free Press.

## The Voice of Experience.

First Colleague—This newspaper talk about the brutality of football is perfectly ridiculous.

Second Ditto—Simply idiotic. Hand me the arnica, will you?—Million.

## In Doubt.



She—When you speak to papa and ask his consent, he is sure to demand what your prospects are.

He—How can I tell him what my prospects are unless he shows his hand first.—Life.

# THE BOSTON STORE!

WE SHALL OFFER

## A GREAT SALE OF HEAVY GOODS

For one week commencing MONDAY, preparatory to the grand opening of

Our Bazaar for the Holiday Season.

### CLOAK DEPT

We shall offer Children's Garments at greatly reduced prices.

One lot Ladies' Coats, beautifully trimmed and well finished, reduced to..... \$5.00

One elegant line of Ladies' Coats, reduced from \$10.00 and \$12.50 to..... 7.50

One lot of highly fashionable Coats, worth \$15.00 and \$17.00, reduced to..... 10.00

These three lots are very large and every size will be found complete. They will sell fast.

### DOMESTICS.

Great sale of Fancy and Stamped Linens, Hemstitched, Stamped, Drawn and Embroidered Scarfs, Doilies, Tidies, Splashes, etc., at special prices for the week. Special offering of Linen Towels for..... 21c

### BLANKETS

All wool Red Blankets. \$2.50

One lot for..... 3.00

All wool Red Blankets. 3.00

One lot for..... 7.00

We shall offer our fine \$8.50 and \$10 Blankets for this sale at..... \$6.00

A splendid holiday present. PER PAIR.

### HOSIERY

Children's Wool Hose 17c

For..... 25c

Children's Wool and Cashmere Hose 12½c

For..... PER PAIR

One lot Ladies' fleece lined Hose

From 25c to..... PER PAIR

### SKIRTS

We offer special sale of Ladies' Knit Wool Skirts, Flannel Skirts, Quilted Mohair, Satin and Silk Skirts at special prices.

### DRESS GOODS

We shall offer this week a magnificent line of high class Dress Fabrics, the 75c quality for..... 59c

A large quantity of the \$1.00 goods 69c

For..... PER YARD.

### DRESS REMNANTS

We shall offer our entire accumulation of Dress Remnants from our recent sales at prices to close every piece this week, ranging in lengths from one to ten yards.

### UNDERWEAR

Gents' Merino Underwear 37½c

For..... 37½c

Ladies' Fine Merino Underwear 75c

For..... 75c

Ladies' Fine Wool Jersey made Vests and

Pants, from \$1.00 to.....

### FURS

100 Imitation Seal Muffs \$1.50

Each for..... 2.00

75 fine quality French Seal For.....

Great variety of Monkey, Astrakhan, French

Seal, Bear, Beaver, Mink and Hare

Muffs at special prices for this sale.

Child's Fur Sets 1.00

75 sets, each at.....

### PILLOWS

We have received an immense line of China Silk and Imitation China Silk Covered Pillows of down and wool filled, for the holidays at VERY LOW PRICES.

### MILLINERY

We have now commenced to reduce stock, and will offer large reductions on the prices of Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery. We have but a few weeks more of the millinery season, and our entire stock will be rapidly closed at very low prices.

### SHOES

Our Shoe Department will offer rare bargains for this week.

### NOTICE

We are preparing our bazaar for a grand opening the following week, and for this entire week we shall offer such extraordinary reductions in the prices of Winter Goods as should make a very busy week for us. In all our heavy departments we shall make the keenest reductions of the season and some very large quantities will be offered at prices to close them rapidly.

We are doing a very large Cloak trade, and the stock has always been sold very cheap, but the large selections made for this week's sale is by far the most important of the season.

The great offering of Dress Goods should crowd this department from early morning.

Special sale of GLOVES.

Agents for the Standard Patterns and Publications.

Everything Strictly as Represented.

Trankla, Jamieson &amp; Company.

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